

The Power of the Holy Spirit I

“The Power of Waiting - Acts 1”

KJV Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send **the promise of my Father** upon you: **but tarry ye in the city** of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

NKJV Acts 1:7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. ⁸ **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth**

I

Waiting is expectation.

To expect is to consider, probable or certain.

To expect is to consider reasonable, due, or necessary.

- Our hopes are based on His promises.
- Hope is expectation for favorable change.

We can be disappointed.

Disappointment is when expectations are not met.

NRSV Psalm 42:5 **Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?** Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help, and my God.

- Wait and expect the intervention of God.

II

Waiting is anticipation.

To anticipate is to give advance thought, discussion, or treatment to something.

To anticipate is to foresee and deal with in advance.

- Our new creation reality gives us the capacity to anticipate

Acts 1:4 And, **being assembled together** with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, **but wait for the promise of the Father**, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

Expectation may be mental; however, anticipation is active: assembling, praying, and looking with hope.

We should anticipate the coming and move of the Holy Ghost in our midst.

- We should anticipate life in the Holy Ghost daily.

III

Anticipation of pressure will prepare us with endurance.

KJV Acts 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: **For I will shew him** how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

- Anticipate pressure as we step out in faith.

KJV Psalm 27:14 **Wait on** the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: **wait**, I say, on the LORD.

Prepare by asking for daily mental toughness as we endure pressure.

IV

The power of waiting brings great benefits.

KJV Isaiah 40:31 But they that **wait upon the LORD** shall **renew** their strength; they shall **mount up** with wings as eagles; they shall **run**, and not be weary; and they shall **walk**, and not faint.

- *Waiting brings restoration!*

- *Waiting brings elevation!*
- *Waiting brings acceleration!*
- *Waiting brings duration!*

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